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In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2 at line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Another method of supplementing diet with glutamine has centred on the use of gluten or gluten hydrolysates as a protein source for nutritional compositions. Gluten is particularly rich in glutamine and is hence a good source of glutamine. Also, the use of gluten or a gluten hydrolysate offers the advantage of providing the glutamine in a form which is stable and relatively soluble. However gluten is potentially allergenic and this has severely limited its use in nutritional formulas. This problem may be ameliorated to some extent by using a gluten hydrolysate instead of a gluten and a nutritional composition based on gluten hydrolysate are commercially available under the trade names NUTRICOMP® IMMUN, RECONVAN® and GLUTASORB®. However, although the risk from allergenic reaction is much reduced, it has not been removed entirely.

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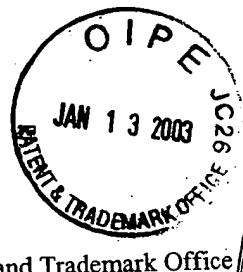
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